GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2921
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2002
UPLINKING HUT OF SOUTH EAST ASIA
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to make India the uplinking hut of South East Asia;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Government had issued licenses for uplinking to set up their portal in India;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has felt that the entertainment industry should be treated at par with information technology and communication on all fronts; and

(f) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b) : The Government has liberalised the Uplinking Policy to permit private companies incorporated inIndia with permissible Foreign/NRI/OCB /PIO equity to set up uplinking hub for leasing or hiring out theirfacilities to the broadcasters. All TV channels, irrespective of their ownership, including equity structure, or management control have been permitted to uplink from India provided they undertake to comply with the Broadcasting (Programme and Advertising) Codes laid down by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The Government has also announced in the recent budget rationalisation of customs duty on Earth Station equipment.

(c) & (d) : The Government has so far permitted 13 companies to set up 14 uplinking hubs/teleports in the country. The details are annexed.

(e) & (f) : This Ministry receives references seeking concessions and facilities for the entertainment sectorfrom time to time. Such proposals are evaluated on merit and taken up with the concerned Ministries. The endeavor is to facilitate the entertainment sector to achieve its potential and promote growth in exports, so that this sector is able to increase its contribution towards generating income and employment in the country.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) AND (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2921 FOR ANSWER ON 21.03.2002

PERMISSION GRANTED FOR SETTING UP TELEPORTS IN INDIA

Sl.No.	Name of the Company	Location of Teleports
1.	TV Today Network Ltd.	New Delhi
2.	Jain Studios Ltd.	Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh
3.	Raj TV Network Ltd.	Chennai
4.	Sun TV Ltd.	Chennai
5.	Entertainment TV Network Ltd.	Mumbai
6.	Ushodaya Enterprises Ltd.	Hyderabad
7	Technology Media Group (P) Ltd.	Bangalore

8. Essel Shyam Communication Ltd. NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh

9. Intelivision Ltd. Kelambakkam (Tamil Nadu)
10. Asianet Communications Ltd. Thiruvananthapuram
11. Digital Broadcast India Pvt. Ltd. NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh
12. Essel Shyam Communication Ltd. NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh
13. Sahara Sanchar Limited NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh
14. Television Eighteen India Limited New Delhi